

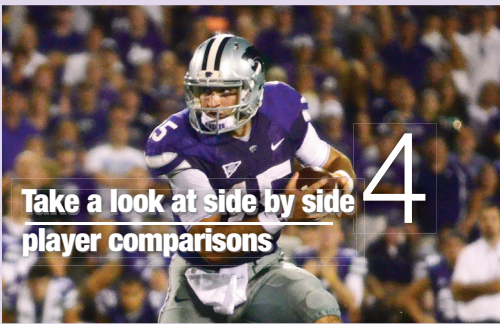


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*Jake Waters' passing yards in his Wildcat debut*  
The passing performance was the highest passing total since 1978 when Dan Manucci threw for 343 yards against Auburn. The junior Iowa Western transfer displayed above average arm strength and an ability to fit balls through tight coverage in K-State's season opener. It was also the first time that a Wildcat quarterback had two touchdown passes of over 45 yards or more since Josh Freeman's 2008 performance against Louisville.

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*The number of consecutive seasons that the Wildcats have returned at least one punt or kick return for a touchdown*  
Special teams has been an integral element to head coach Bill Snyder's teams of the past. The Wildcats lead the nation with the longest streak of at least one punt or kick return for a touchdown within a season. Junior wide receiver and kickoff returner Tyler Lockett will look to build upon an already impressive career resume in which he leads all returners in Big 12 history with an average of 33.8 yards per return.

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*The number of tackles for Louisiana line-backer Justin Anderson in its season debut against Arkansas*  
The Ragin' Cajun senior ranks ninth nationally after his season opening performance in Fayetteville against the Razorbacks. The number gave Anderson a career high, surpassing his previous record of 12 tackles against Florida and Western Kentucky last season. He also led the team in tackles last season with 105. Anderson leads a rather inexperienced linebacker corps. Each of the other two starters combined for only 21 tackles last season.

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*The number of wins for Louisiana over the past two seasons under head coach Mark Hudspeth*  
The two-year win total is the highest in school history. In each of the past two seasons, the nine win plateau has been reached. The number is tied for the largest amount of wins for the program in a single season. Prior to 2011, the win total had not been reached since 1976. Hudspeth has also guided the Ragin' Cajuns to back-to-back bowl appearances.

## K-State Wildcats look to fix errors for next game



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Junior quarterback **Jake Waters** brings the ball out of his own endzone during the game against North Dakota State on Friday.

Sean Frye  
sports editor

After last weekend's 24-21 upset loss to the North Dakota State Bison, the K-State Wildcats are looking to rebound in Week 2 against the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns. The Ragin' Cajuns are 0-1 this season, losing in Week 1 to the Arkansas Razorbacks 34-14. While the Ragin' Cajuns will certainly present their own set of challenges for the Wildcats to deal with on Saturday, as does any team, head coach Bill Snyder admits that K-State's primary focus is fixing the issues that the Wildcats displayed against the Bison. "It is about mending our issues, and that is number one," Snyder said. "Correcting the mistakes that we made and becoming a better football team throughout the course of the week." Like the Bison, the Ragin' Cajuns are certainly no slouch of a team and one that can't be taken lightly. The team went 9-3 last season, and the quarterback and four leading rushers from that squad are back in 2013. In 2012, Louisiana made noise when they nearly upset the then-sixth ranked Florida Gators in Week 11. The Gators won the game just 27-20 off of a blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown with

just two seconds left in the game. "I was just watching their Florida ballgame last year, and they gave Florida all they wanted late into the fourth quarter when Florida won the ballgame," Snyder said. "They have their quarterback, [Terrence] Broadway, who is a dual-threat type guy." Indeed, Broadway is a huge dual-threat quarterback and the Ragin' Cajuns best weapon. Last season, the junior threw for 2,842 yards and 17 touchdowns and rushed for another 769 yards and nine touchdowns. "He possessed the ball 46 percent of all the snaps they had last year," Snyder said. "So either by running the ball himself or throwing it, that is half the time, so he is the guy you have to play close attention to." Overall, the Ragin' Cajuns running attack is very balanced. In addition to Broadway's mobility, Louisiana also has junior running back Alonzo Harris, who has run for 1,637 yards and 19 touchdowns over two seasons. However, the Wildcats are focused more on fixing the problems that became apparent in the loss to North Dakota State. Starting junior center B.J. Finney of the Wildcats said that Monday's practice following the loss was one of the best so far this year and that

the team took positive steps towards addressing the problems from its loss. "A lot of guys had enthusiasm and spirit," Finney said. "Some of us were pretty angry with the outcome on Friday and we wanted to change that. It definitely showed that people wanted to change and truly want to have something special here." One of the biggest problems from Friday's game was the Wildcats' running game. After two seasons of running the ball extremely effectively, K-State ran for just 41 yards on 23 carries against the Bison. "It was a combination of things," Snyder said about his team's struggles in the running game. "Number one, we did not perform as we were capable of up front, and I think all of our young guys are embarrassed." One player fans may see more of on Saturday than they did against North Dakota State is redshirt sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams. In his lone snap against the Bison, he carried the ball 17 yards for a touchdown. "I would say I am ready, but at the same time, I just wait for my opportunity whenever Coach calls on me," Sams said. "I will just be ready to step forward to do what I have to do." While admitting that Sams deserves more touches, Snyder was quick to point out

in his weekly press conference that junior quarterback Jake Waters was impressive in his debut. "You also have to look at the fact Jake proved he is a very capable quarterback and played well during the course of the ballgame," Snyder said. "But you have a good athlete like Daniel [Sams], and you have to find places for him, which we will." At the end of the day, the Wildcats are one season removed from a Big 12 championship, but less than a week removed from one of the most embarrassing losses in the program's recent history. Snyder said on Friday after the loss that he didn't think some of his players went into the game against North Dakota State with the right attitude. The attitude that K-State goes into Week 2 with will likely dictate the game's outcome, and Snyder said that much of the team is angered at this point. "Everybody is hurt to begin with, whether it is disappointment or embarrassment or just emotional pain from it," Snyder said. "I think at some point in time that turns into anger, and they get angry about the situation and what took place. And then maybe the next emotion is probably determination to rectify whatever the mistakes happened to be and to rectify the situation."

## K-State offensive line looks to rebound from shaky start

Sean Frye  
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Last year, the K-State Wildcats offensive line was one of the best in the nation. Behind lineman Cornelius Lucas and B.J. Finney, the big guys up front, led the way for Collin Klein and John Hubert in one of the country's most potent offenses. But last week, despite five returning starters coming back to the line from 2012, the unit seemed to take a step back. The Wildcats ran 23 running plays but gained just 41 yards, less than two yards per carry. "[North Dakota State] gave us looks that we were not ready for,

and they did not give us looks that we were looking for," Finney said. "We just have to be better overall as a team and as a unit." The offensive line also allowed new junior quarterback Jake Waters to be sacked three times. Waters also threw an interception that was primarily caused by him having to scramble away from pressure in the end zone. "We got beat on the other side, and did not do all the things that we needed to do," K-State head coach Bill Snyder said about the offensive line after the loss. "Some of the things that we needed to do, we did not." Usually when an offensive line struggles in a game, communica-

tion on the field in reading defenses is the issue, but Snyder doubts that was the issue last week. "I do not know if it was communication. I do not think that was the case," Snyder said. "They are bright enough and played together long enough." Finney said after the loss to the Bison that it was a variety of issues that caused the unit's struggles. "It was a lot of things," Finney said. "You cannot just nail it down to one. We have to get better at them all. That is just the way it is." Waters thinks that it was the quality of the Bison's defensive line that caught the Wildcats off guard. "[The Bison] have a really good

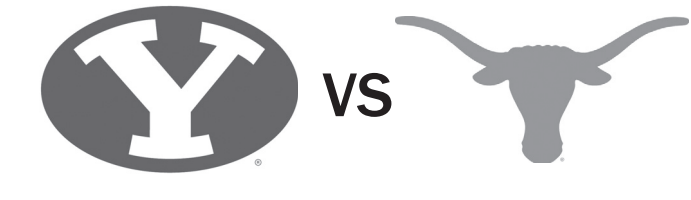
defensive line and we have a really good offensive line," Waters said. "And for them to hit us in the mouth a little bit, we just did not get into a rhythm. That is a credit to them." In the end, Snyder blamed his team's poor rushing performance on its offensive line in his weekly press conference on Tuesday. "Number one, we did not perform as we were capable of up front and I think all of our young guys are embarrassed," Snyder said. Regardless of why the offensive line struggled in Week 1, the



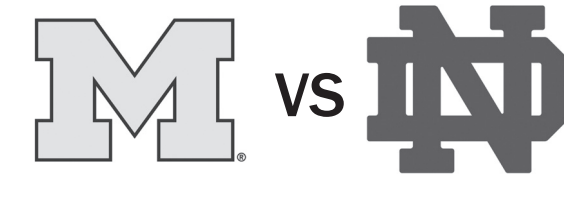
Games of the Week: Week 2



**K-State Wildcats vs. Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns**  
5:30 p.m. CDT, Fox Sports 1  
Coming off of one of the most disappointing losses in recent memory, the K-State Wildcats are looking to bounce back against the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns on Saturday. Both teams enter this game 0-1, after the Wildcats lost to the North Dakota State Bison 24-21 and the Ragin' Cajuns dropped a 34-14 contest to the Arkansas Razorbacks in Week 1. This game is huge for both teams as each squad is looking to get off the schneid with a defining win.



**BYU Cougars vs. No. 15 Texas Longhorns**  
6 p.m. CDT, ESPN2  
The No. 15 Texas Longhorns storm into BYU on Saturday fresh off of a dominating 56-7 win over the New Mexico State Aggies. The Cougars, on the other hand, struggled against the Virginia Cavaliers and lost 19-16. Texas junior quarterback David Ash looked solid in the team's debut of its new no-huddle offense, throwing for 343 yards and four touchdowns. For the Cougars, their biggest asset is sophomore running back Jamaal Williams, who ran for 144 yards in Week 1. BYU is a pesky team to shake off, especially on the road, so this could be a trap game for the Longhorns.



**No. 17 Michigan Wolverines vs. No. 14 Notre Dame Fighting Irish**  
7 p.m. CDT, ESPN  
In what is sure to be one of the biggest games of the season, the No. 14 Notre Dame Fighting Irish visit the Big House to face the No. 17 Michigan Wolverines. Both the Wolverines and Fighting Irish are 1-0 after Week 1 wins over Central Michigan and Temple, respectively, but this game could set the tone for the season. If Michigan wins, they could be primed for a run at a BCS berth. The same could be said for Notre Dame. It will likely come down to the play of both team's quarterbacks. Redshirt junior Devin Gardner of Michigan and senior Tommy Rees of Notre Dame will have to put up big numbers to earn a win.



**No. 11 Georgia Bulldogs vs. No. 6 South Carolina Gamecocks**  
3:30 p.m. CDT, ESPN  
In another marquee Week 2 matchup, the No. 11 Georgia Bulldogs will try to recover from a Week 1 loss to the Clemson Tigers at home against the No. 6 South Carolina Gamecocks. Facing the sixth-ranked team in the country is certainly no easy task for the Bulldogs, but senior quarterback Aaron Murray and company may be facing a must-win situation. If Georgia starts the season 0-2, it could be a long road back to national relevancy. The Bulldogs will have to deal with superstar junior defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, who actually looked sluggish in the Gamecocks' Week 1 win over North Carolina. If the Bulldogs can contain him, they'll have a good chance to win.



**Miami Hurricanes vs. No. 12 Florida Gators**  
11 a.m. CDT, ESPN  
The No. 12 Florida Gators took care of Toledo easily in Week 1, winning 24-6. Now they'll have to travel to face a feisty Miami Hurricanes team in Week 2. The Hurricanes are led by sophomore running back Duke Johnson, who racked up 186 yards on the ground in his team's Week 1 34-6 win over Florida Atlantic. The Gators have historically had a good defense, and they'll need to find a way to limit Johnson's impact on the game. If Miami can establish the tone early on the ground with Johnson, though, they could be poised to pull off the upset.



**UMass Minutemen vs. Maine Black Bears**  
1 p.m. CDT, ESPN3/WatchESPN  
The Massachusetts Minutemen, K-State's Week 3 opponent, take on the Maine Black Bears in Week 2. Maine won their first game of the season 23-6 over Norfolk State, while the Minutemen fell to No. 23 Wisconsin 45-0. The Minutemen went just 1-11 last year in the team's first year in the FBS. As for the Black Bears, they went 5-6 in the FCS last year. It's hard to judge these two teams, but K-State fans should try to check out at least some of this game to see what the Minutemen look like.

-by Sean Frye, sports editor

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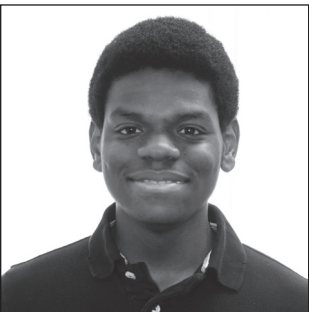
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# Comparing Positions: Wildcats vs. Ragin’ Cajuns



**QB Terrance Broadway vs QB Jake Waters**

Broadway entered his junior season with some hype after throwing for 2,842 yards and 17 touchdowns last season with a 65 percent completion percentage, while running for 769 yards and nine scores on the ground. Broadway is a true dual threat quarterback, more so than senior Brock Jensen of North Dakota State was last week. A signal caller from Baton Rouge, La., Broadway threw for 171 yards with one touchdown and one interception while getting just nine yards on the ground last week in a 34-14 loss at Arkansas, showing some weak aspects of his game against a big name school, which K-State hopes to exploit again this week. However, don't let those numbers fool you, he is still a wild card for the Ragin' Cajuns with the ability to tear apart a defense with his arm and his legs.

Waters put up some great numbers last week in his debut against North Dakota State, tossing for 280 yards and two touchdowns while being picked off twice. The junior transfer from Iowa Western Community College showed off his cannon arm in two long touchdowns to wide receivers senior Tramaine Thompson and junior Tyler Lockett. Waters proved that he already has a good rapport with his top two targets, as 13 of his 21 completions were to one of the two speedy wideouts. Look for Waters to try and make up for his game-ending interception this week with a stellar performance against Louisiana.

**Edge:** Waters. K-State's new man under center showed why he set the junior college single season completion percentage record last year by firing the ball all over the field. While he will lose some snaps to sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams this week, head coach Bill Snyder will still find time to let Waters fire some strikes against the Ragin' Cajuns.

**C Andre Huval vs. C B.J. Finney**

Huval, the senior anchor for the Ragin' Cajun line, was a Second Team All-Sun Belt Conference performer last season and is the leader of a line that returns three starters from last season. Huval paved the way for a team that averaged 193 yards rushing per game last season and will be looking to put up more than the 105 rushing yards they accumulated last week at Arkansas. The 6-foot-2-inch, 285-pound senior was named to the preseason All-Conference team, meaning that there is much expected of him this year.

If you don't know who B.J. Finney is yet, then take some time right now to look him up. He was the subject of Wednesday's Powercat Profile right here in the Collegian, and his story has been a big one for K-State. The former walk-on is in his second season as a captain this year, his junior campaign, and if anyone has a chip on their shoulder going into Week 2, it's him. The Wildcat offensive line struggled last week as the team only ran for



Junior quarterback **Jake Waters** rushes out of the pocket during the third quarter of the Wildcats’ season opener 24-21 loss to the North Dakota State Bison on Friday night.

41 yards, and Finney said he was none too pleased with the way they played. If anyone can get this line to play up to their potential — and they have plenty of potential — then Finney is the man to do it.

**Edge:** Finney. At 6 feet 4 inches, 303 pounds, the Wildcat center can open up plenty of running lanes for senior running back John Hubert this week, and look for him to do just that.

**LB Justin Anderson vs. LB Blake Slaughter**

Anderson is the Ragin' Cajun's leader on defense after racking up 105 tackles last season, including 8.5 for loss and two sacks. Anderson, named to the preseason All-Sun Belt team, had six games with double-digit tackles last year, one of which came against Oklahoma State. The senior from Foley, Ala. led the

team in tackles last year by 30 and also had a 38 yard pick six against Western Kentucky. Anderson started his season off well against big competition last week with 14 tackles.

Slaughter is also a senior linebacker and tied for a team high 10 tackles last week while leading the team with two sacks. After redshirting last year, Slaughter had not started a game since 2010, but he had a solid first game of the 2013

season. Slaughter is an all-out player who gives 100 percent on every play and can deliver some bone-crushing hits to anyone who gets past the Wildcat defensive line. This game, he'll be ready to lead the defense to a better showing than they had last week.

**Edge:** Anderson. While I gave Slaughter Defensive Player of the Game honors last week and expect him to play well again this week,

Anderson has a bit of an edge on him. Slaughter has fellow linebackers senior Tre Walker and junior Jonathan Truman on either side of him who can both lead the defense and put up big numbers, but Anderson is the man who is looked to by the Ragin' Cajuns every week.

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# Wildcat defense needs improvement for Week 2 game



Senior linebacker Tre Walker takes down North Dakota State junior wide receiver Trevor Gebhart last Friday night at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

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Criticisms of the K-State Wildcats' performance in Week 1 could run across the board. The offense didn't do enough to hold on to a 14-point lead, the offensive line got no push upfront and the Wildcats only gained 41 rushing yards on 23 carries. But with just under nine minutes left and the Wildcats holding on to a four-point lead, it was the defense that gave up an 18-play, 80 yard touchdown drive that took 8:30 off the clock. North Dakota State converted on four third downs during the

drive. "Any time that you have the lead and you let it go to a good team, it is upsetting," said Tre Walker, K-State senior linebacker. Walker finished the game with just four tackles. As a whole, the Wildcats gave up 380 yards of total offense to the Bison, 59 more than what the K-State offense gained on the night. Last year, the Wildcats ranked 45th in the country in total defense, allowing just over 375 yards per game. And that included games against Big 12 opponents that run no-huddle offenses and put up plenty of yards. So just one game into the 2013 season, the Wildcats are already showing signs of regression on the defensive side of the ball. Some of that is to be expected as defensive coordinator Tom Hayes had to replace nine starters from

last year's unit. However, K-State senior safety Ty Zimmerman, one of the two returning starters along with Walker, is not using inexperience as an excuse.

really thought we had a good camp. We did some good things, but we made a lot of mistakes." If the Wildcats want to have the type of success they had

down tries last Friday night. "It falls back to those third-down situations where we could not handle them," said K-State head coach Bill Snyder. Against the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns, the Wildcats will have to deal with a balanced offensive attack led by dual-threat junior quarterback Terrance Broadway. "[Broadway] possessed the ball 46 percent of all the snaps they had last year, so either by running the ball himself or throwing it, that is half the time, so he is the guy you have to play close attention to," Snyder said. "But they also have a couple good running backs — the returning starter from last year and also a young freshman that has good speed and runs around pretty well." Overall, the Wildcats are simply looking to get better in

Week 2, especially on defense. Their matchup against the Ragin' Cajuns will certainly be a good indicator of how much the unit learned from its struggles in Week 1 and how much improvement can be expected throughout the season. "You get knocked down sometimes, but you got to get back up and fight," Walker said. "Now people are really anxious to see what type of team we are going to be. What type of leadership we have. Are we really about everything that we talk about. Now is the time to take all of the mistakes we made, come together and focus. The season is certainly not over; we still have a lot of success to obtain. But right now we just need to regroup and get it back together." Sean Frye is a senior in journalism. Please send all comments to [sports@kstatecollegian.com](mailto:sports@kstatecollegian.com)

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Tre Walker  
senior linebacker

"It is hard, but we cannot use that as an excuse," Zimmerman said after the game Friday night. "We had all spring together; we had three weeks of practice together. I

last season, the defense has to improve, and fast. One of the biggest issues to address is third-down conversions. North Dakota State converted on 10 of its 17 third

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# Heisman Watch: Week 2



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The Florida State Seminoles took to Bobby Bowd Field at Doak Campbell Stadium on Saturday, April 12 for the annual Spring Football Game in which the Gold team defeated the Garnet team 40-24.



Corbin McGuire

After a mere week of college football on the books, a few players threw themselves onto the Heisman Trophy watch list with impressive week one performances, while others slipped down the list with some not-so-stellar outings. Here's my top 5 picks for the

Heisman as we head into week two.

**1. Tajh Boyd (QB, Clemson):** Boyd put together a five-touchdown, 312-yard performance against the No. 5 Georgia Bulldogs, who the media picked to win the SEC East. The senior threw for three touchdowns, completing 18-of-30 pass attempts for 270 yards. Boyd also ran for 42 yards and scored twice on the ground. The next toughest and most spotlighted game for Boyd will be against North Carolina State on the road on Thursday, Sept. 19. The game will be broadcast on ESPN.

**2. Teddy Bridgewater (QB, Louisville):** The junior, who may be South Carolina junior Jadeveon Clowney's only threat for the No. 1 spot in next year's NFL draft, diced Ohio's defense in a 49-7 blowout win to start his Heisman campaign. Bridgewater finished 23-of-28 for 355 yards and five touchdowns, which are numbers he'll probably have to replicate on a weekly basis to overcome the No. 8 Cardinals' weak schedule to have a shot at the Heisman.

**3. Braxton Miller (QB, Ohio State):** Miller's 178 passing yards and 77 rushing yards

in the Buckeyes' 40-20 win over Buffalo won't be a game Heisman voters come back to, but it won't necessarily hurt the junior either. Voters will be tuned in when the Buckeyes take on No. 21 Wisconsin on Sept. 28 at home and No. 19 Northwestern on the road the following Saturday. A regular season finale against No. 17 Michigan and a possible Big Ten championship game will also be opportunities for Miller to gain some steam in the Heisman race.

**4. Johnny Manziel (QB, Texas A&M):** The trash-talking sophomore who threw three

touchdowns despite being suspended for half of the Aggies' 52-31 win has to be taken seriously in Heisman debates until someone shuts him up or a team shuts him down. Fortunately, for those annoyed with Manziel, the Aggies get a visit from No. 1 Alabama next Saturday. But if Manziel can manage to take down the back-to-back BCS National Champions for the second straight season, get used to hearing his name and every controversy that comes with it.

**5. Jameis Winston (QB, Florida State):** The newest name on my list and the

youngest star on the rise in college football is Jameis Winston — the redshirt freshman quarterback for No. 10 Florida State. Playing on national television Monday night, Winston torched Pittsburgh's defense for 356 yards and four touchdowns in the air and another 25 yards on the ground as the Seminoles cruised to a 28-point win. The freshman's toughest tests for the year, however, are both on the road against No. 4 Clemson and No. 12 Florida.

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# POWERCAT

## PROFILE

TYLER LOCKETT

**John Zetmeir**  
staff writer

Longtime K-State fans will remember a player running into the end zone of K-State's home games with the name "Lockett" across the back of his jersey. New K-State fans have also become accustomed to the same sight sprint down the field of Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Junior Tyler Lockett became the third Lockett to play at K-State when his college football career began in 2011.

In the mid-1990s while head coach Bill Snyder was in the midst of a transformation in Manhattan, turning K-State into a winning program, he had help from wide receiver Kevin Lockett. As the current record holder for receiving yards, touchdowns and receptions, Kevin Lockett cemented his place in K-State football history.

Not far behind Kevin Lockett on that list is his younger brother Aaron Lockett who played under Snyder from the late '90s into the early 2000s. Aaron Lockett is ranked fourth all-time on the receiving list. Not only was he a great receiver, but he had a niche for the return game.

It is only suitable that in his short time as a Wildcat, junior Tyler Lockett has shown that he possesses the ability to be a great receiver as well as a phenom in the return game.

According to his dad, Tyler has bled purple from the day he was born. However, it was not the Wildcats who came calling for his services first.

"When [Tyler's] recruiting process started, KU was actually the first school to offer him a scholarship," Kevin Lockett said. "Not too long after KU offered him a scholarship, Kansas State offered him a scholarship. So those were two of his top universities."

Tyler made the decision to follow in his father and uncle's foot steps, donning K-State's signature purple and going to play under Snyder.

Right from the get go, the youngest Lockett did something as a Wildcat that neither his father nor his uncle did: he played as a true freshman.

"I actually was pushing for him to redshirt," Kevin Lockett said. "Coach Snyder thought it was best that he have an opportunity to play right away. [Snyder] thought he could help out immediately."

Helping out immediately is exactly what Tyler did in 2011. His breakout game of the season came against the Texas Tech Red Raiders on the road. Tyler Lockett returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown, tying a school record.

The following week, Tyler set another record against the very same team that competed with K-State for Lockett out of high school, Kansas. In week eight against the Jayhawks, Lockett caught five passes for 110 yards to go along with his second kickoff return touchdown. He became the first player in Wildcat history to score a touchdown off of a

kick return in consecutive games.

The expression "leave it all out on the field" could not have been more true for the true freshman from Tulsa, Okla. Tyler Lockett's first trip back to his home state came when K-State went to Stillwater on Nov. 5, 2011 to take on No. 3 Oklahoma State. Despite the Wildcats coming up just short of a victory, Lockett left everything he had on the field. In his first ever game against a top-five team, the freshman had 315 all-purpose yards to go along with one touchdown reception. By the end of the game, Lockett needed the help of his teammates to get off of the field.

Tyler Lockett had suffered a lacerated kidney against the Cowboys which forced him to sit out the rest of the 2011 season. With an injury of that magnitude, someone could be forced to give up football if the injury is not taken care of soon enough. Luckily for Lockett's sake, he received rapid treatment, and he found himself back on the field for the start of the 2012 season. Despite playing a shortened season, he was still named a first team All-American as a kick returner as well as the Big 12 freshman offensive player of the year. As a sophomore, Tyler would be looked at to continue to help the team in a big way.

"Tyler is really good about always trying to get better," Kevin Lockett said. "One of the things that we talked about was that he had done really well based on his athletic ability, his speed, his return game. So we really pushed to get better as a wide receiver."

In his sophomore season, Tyler Lockett showed that he was ready to go from the start. With another pair of kickoff return touchdowns, to go along with 44 catches for 687 yards and four touchdowns, Lockett was a big contributor in K-State's 11-2 season as the Wildcats were crowned Big 12 champions.

Tyler Lockett was named a captain of the squad for the 2013 season. New wide receiver coach Andre Coleman played alongside Kevin Lockett back in the day, and he now has complete faith as he coaches the son of one of his former teammates.

"I'm not going to say that he's twice the player that his father was, but he's a time and a half the player his father was," Coleman said.

With two seasons left in his K-State career, it is possible that we will see one Lockett eclipse another as the all-time leading receiver in school history.

"My hope is that every record that they talk about that I have at the university, my hope is that he breaks them," Kevin Lockett said.



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# Who will win: K-State or Louisiana?



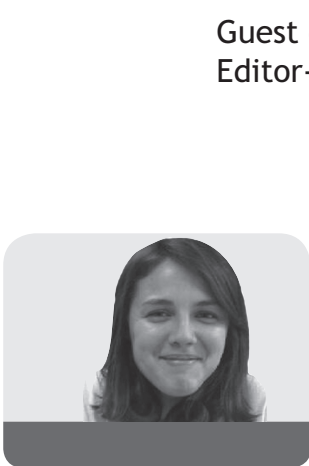
**Sean:** I know that K-State lost to an FCS opponent in Week 1, but people over-exaggerated the significance of that loss. The North Dakota State Bison are the two-time reigning FCS champions and are loaded with enough talent to not only compete at the FBS level, but could conceivably win nearly every non-BCS AQ conference. The Wildcats are still loaded with talent on both sides of the ball, and there's no way that the Ragin' Cajuns' defense will be able to defend against the passing attack of Jake Waters well enough to come out with a win.



**Sean:** There's no coach, arguably in the entire country, that can get his team in the right state of mind after a loss than Bill Snyder. After last year's loss to Baylor, which ended K-State's national title hopes, Snyder refocused his team and the Wildcats went out and stomped the Texas Longhorns 42-24 to secure a Big 12 title. And while Arkansas is in the SEC, they're not exactly an elite FBS team. The Razorbacks won just four games compared to the Ragin' Cajuns' nine last year. Certainly, Bret Bielema is going to get that program back on solid ground. But it's not like it happens in one game. Clearly, Louisiana has taken a step back from last year, and it was made apparent in Week 1.



**Sean:** It may be true that after Week 1, it appears that K-State has regressed. But when you lose nine defensive starters as well as Collin Klein, last year's Heisman Trophy finalist, there are bound to be some growing pains. While it's hard to justify anything positive from a loss, the fact that K-State got a game like that out of the way earlier rather than later in the season is good. Snyder is terrific at making adjustments, and he won't hold back on a Ragin' Cajuns team that is rightfully a good one after the recent success they've had. But there's just no way that the Wildcats will drop two-straight games at home, especially to non-BCS schools.



Guest columnist: Katie De La Rosa,  
Editor-in-Chief of the Vermillion



**Katie:** What will determine the winner of this game, more so than talent or depth, is each team's state of mind, which will be heavily influenced by the losses last week. Louisiana's loss to Arkansas — a 20-point defeat to an SEC team — was disappointing but not unexpected, and the Cajuns leaving Fayetteville with the result they did on a Saturday when quarterback Terrance Broadway, the Cajuns' second leading rusher last season, ran for a negative yard is nothing short of positive and encouraging. Meanwhile, how did K-State weather its home loss to an admirable yet beatable opponent? Will the Wildcats be discouraged or vindictive this Saturday? Jake Waters' stats against North Dakota State were impressive, but UL's secondary allowed only 235 yards in the air against the Razorbacks, so I don't expect the junior quarterback to put up big numbers against the Cajuns.



**Katie:** There's no denying the brilliance of Snyder, but to say there's no coach like him is a giant insult to third-year Louisiana head coach Mark Hudspeth who, in his first two years, resuscitated the program to win 18 games and two New Orleans Bowl championships. In September 2012, he led the charge of winning back-to-back games by a combined 56 points after a brutal 65-24 loss to the Oklahoma State Cowboys. Louisiana did win its first two games last season and did lose to the then-No. 7 Florida Gators only by a late touchdown, so, sure, the argument that the Cajuns have taken a step back is fair (although an early assessment). But the Wildcats? The No. 1 team in the country of November of last year? Last year's Big 12 champs who finished 11-1? It seems they're guilty of regressing as well, especially considering their 2012 leading rusher John Hubert gained only 23 yards on 10 carries last weekend.

**Katie:** What adjustments can Snyder make in the backfield? K-State managed a measly 41 rushing yards against the Bison, and it cannot beat Louisiana with figures like those. Yes, the Cajuns struggled against the Razorbacks' run, but it would have ended with a much different result if the Ragin' Cajuns could've closed up its defensive line faster and more often. Only twice in Hudspeth's two years has Louisiana — an FBS school, by the way — lost two games in a row, a statistic that'll remain the same when the Cajuns leave Manhattan Saturday with the W.

## OFFENSE | Need for change known

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Wildcats have to improve in Week 2 up front if they want to beat the Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns. "There are a lot of things that need to be corrected and a lot of it is fundamentals," Finney said. "It is about getting back to being a tough and physical line, which we need to be against Louisiana because they have big and phys-

"We need to get better. And we need to get this thing going now."

B.J. Finney  
lineman

ical defensive linemen." On Tuesday, Finney said that the team as a whole had a good practice on Monday and that the squad was energized to atone for its Week 1 loss. "A lot of guys had enthusiasm and spirit," Finney said. "Some of us were pretty angry with the outcome on Friday and we wanted to change that. It definitely showed that people wanted to change and truly want to have something special here." In the end, the K-State offensive line knows it has to get itself back to the level it was playing at in 2012. If it can show that improvement in Week 2, the Wildcats could get their season back on track. "We need to get better," Finney said. "And we need to get this thing going now."

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Quarterback **Daniel Sams** rushes in for a touchdown while alluding the North Dakota State defense on Friday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Sams may play a bigger role this weekend as the Wildcats fight to balance the passing game.





STREET TALK

“What was your reaction to the North Dakota State game last Friday?”



Robert Hamilton  
senior, music education

“ I was a little disappointed, but North Dakota State is a pretty good team and obviously we could have been better. Sometimes you just have to roll with the punches. ”



Tucker Hoover  
freshman, business finance

“ I was disappointed. Not in just in the players or in the coaches, but in the football program. They let us down. I understand not wanting to show what we have to the other teams, but sometimes it’s about winning the game and we didn’t do that. I feel like they let all of Wildcat Nation down. ”



Bailey Meier  
senior, construction sciences

“ Obviously disappointment, but it doesn’t stop me from having faith in the team. It was a let down, but it’s good to get the one big heart-break out of the way so we can focus on winning. ”



Kait Meinert  
junior, chemical engineering

“ I was in a suite, which I’ve never been in before, so I thought it was completely awesome. Everyone was still cheering on the ‘Cats even when we lost. I was pretty upset but it’s just the first game and we always pull through. ”




Jarrod Schafer  
senior, mechanical engineering

“ I was disappointed that we didn’t win it. I thought they could’ve done a little better, but we do have a new kind of line up for the team out there. ”



Megan Whearty  
senior, family studies

“ I was disappointed and sad for the players, I wish it could’ve went better for them. ”




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